



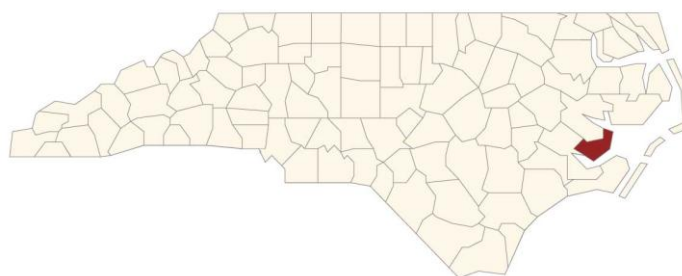
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Pamlico County

Pamlico County received more than \$8 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Pamlico County total.



**Pell Grant Awards:**  
286



**Small Business Jobs:**  
5

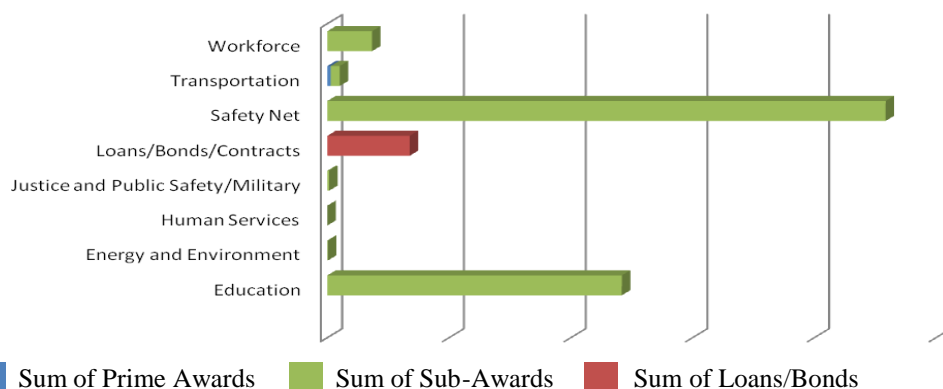


**Appliances rebated:**  
39



**Family homes financed:**  
6

### Pamlico County Totals



**Pamlico County,**  
pop 12,934 at a glance:

**Recovery Act Totals:**  
Grants: \$ 7,449,976.91  
Loans: \$ 676,927

**Total: \$8,123,903.91**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Pamlico County schools** received \$2.3 million in education funding, including \$350,000 in Special Education funds, \$250,000 in Title I funds, \$1 million in SFSF funds, and \$200,000 in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

**In Pamlico County**, Pamlico Community College had 286 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$450,000.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Pamlico County**, 6 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$650,000.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term

savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Pamlico County** retailers sold 39 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Pamlico County**, 1 small business received SBA loan guarantees worth \$10,000. According to the small business receiving this loan, the Recovery Act saved or created 5 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Pamlico County**, \$1,091 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**In Pamlico County**, the Pamlico County Government received \$15,000 worth of JAG program grants.



## Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

**In Pamlico County**, the North Carolina Dept. of Corrections used \$621,305 of SEP funding in Hyde and Pamlico Counties to purchase two new chillers each at correctional facilities.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Pamlico County** residents received \$3 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$\$700,000 in SNAP benefit increases, and \$850,000 in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

## Appendix, Pamlico County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup>
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Pamlico Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$669,427.00	
Administration on Aging	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Pamlico Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Pamlico Senior Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$728,027.41		
Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Pamlico, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$7,760.00	\$0.00	
				\$0.00	\$7,760.00	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$2,986,718.79		
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	AR Chesson Construction Company, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$23,000.00
				\$0.00	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$28,176.00		\$0.00	\$28,176.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$5,525.00	\$0.00	
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Pamlico County School District	S	\$0.00	\$895,931.40	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State	Arapahoe Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$179,003.00	\$0.00	

	Grants, Recovery Act	Pamlico Community College	S	\$0.00	\$103,694.49	\$0.00
		Pamlico County School District	S	\$0.00	\$757,978.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Pamlico County School District	S	\$0.00	\$193,985.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Arapahoe Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$30,447.00	\$0.00
		Pamlico County School District	S	\$0.00	\$258,409.00	\$0.00
<b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b>	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Arapahoe Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$62,605.76	\$0.00
		Pamlico County School District	S	\$0.00	\$305,706.06	\$0.00
<b>Small Business Administration SSA</b>	Loans	Paradise Cove Marina Inc	L			\$7,500.00
	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$872,250.00	
<b>USACE</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$28,176.00	\$7,418,800.91	\$676,927.00 \$51,176.00

<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.